

SIEC Briefing Paper Olympic Public Safety-Communications Alliance Network (OPS-CAN)

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Description

The OPS-CAN Project in Clallam County was funded by the Department of Homeland Security.

Recommendations to the Committee

This is a report only, without staff recommendations.

Status

- Nominated by Governor Locke to the Department of Homeland Security
- Project was funded on September 25 (Clallam County received \$5,765,100 from the Department of Homeland Security)
- Project was started on October 1
- Aggressive time schedule to complete the project within one-year
- All agencies are on schedule

Issues

- Clallam County will deploy system gateway interconnect devices and develop low-level radio sites.
- The Washington State Patrol will create a fully redundant, self-healing microwave and fiber optic loop around the Olympia Peninsula.
- The Washington Department of Transportation will re-construct key mountain radio site and microwave links into the loop.
- The Military Department will provide project engineering and management oversight.

Background

During the October 13 SIEC Meeting, Alan Hull, WSDOT briefed members of the SIEC on the OPS-CAN Project that is taking place as a joint effort in Clallam County. The lead agencies for the project are: Clallam County, the Washington State Patrol, the Washington State Department of Transportation and the Washington State Military Department.

The objective of the OPS-CAN Project is to create a collaborative interoperable network around the Olympic Peninsula that will provide enhanced, on-demand connectivity to meet the needs of emergency responders.